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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claim 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 remain in the application. Claims 1, 4, 6, 10, 13, 17, 18 are being amended. Claims 2, 3, 5 are being cancelled, and 12 and 16 were previously cancelled.

We wish to thank Examiner Pritchett for the opportunity to discuss this case during the telephone interview held on 14 October, 2003. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that amended claim 1 appeared to overcome the prior art of record pending further review and an additional search.

We respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the requirement for a further search, because in our submission, all of the limitations added to claim 1 can be found in original claims 2, 3, 5 and 6, or reasonably inferred from the language of the preamble of claim 1 as filed. In particular, we submit that the language "an inside surface of", can reasonably be inferred from the language "for mounting to an inside portion of a front windshield of a vehicle", which appeared in the preamble of original claim 1.

Alternatively, we request that the Examiner reconsider his decision to make the office action final. We note that Hodny (U.S. Patent No. 1,687,572) was previously disclosed to the Examiner in the Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated 29 April 2002.

The remaining claims of the application are dependent upon claim 1, and are allowable for the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

We submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, and this action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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